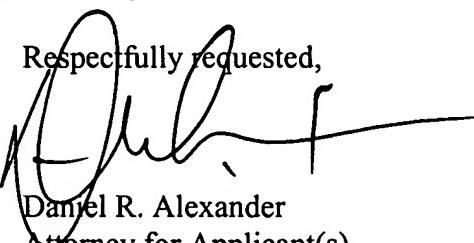


**CONCLUSION**

This Preliminary Amendment is accompanied by PTO Form 1390, a copy of the International Application as filed (in duplicate), amendments made to the International Application under PCT Article 19, a preliminary amendment, a copy of the International Application as published, a copy of the International Search Report, and a return postcard.

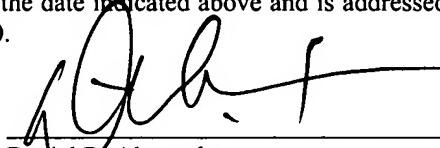
Respectfully requested,

October 3, 2005

  
Daniel R. Alexander  
Attorney for Applicant(s)  
Registration Number 32,604  
Telephone: (864) 503-1372

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Daniel R. Alexander  
Attorney for Applicant(s)